Bidar-Hallikhed Sahakara Sakkare Karkhane

342. Sri V. N. PATIL (Humnabad).—

Will the Minister for Development be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Bidar-Hallikhed Sahakara Sakkare Karkhane started functioning ;

(*b*) the number of days it worked ;

(*c*) the tonnage of cane that was received and cane juice extracted out of that during the last three years up to the latest convenient date ;

(*d*) the rate paid per tone of sugarcane to the agriculturists ;

(*e*) the number of permits issued to the cane growers ;

(*f*) the system adopted by the Karkhane for the purchase of sugarcane ;

(*g*) the method adopted by the Karkhane to differentiate between the bona fide cane growers and bogus cane growers ;

(*h*) the net expenditure incurred during operation period and how much profit or loss was incurred after the operation was over ;

(*i*) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the management of the factory did not start functioning for 4 months in order to boost the prospects of the 5 Khandsari sugar factories ?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development).—

(*a*) 14th March 1969.

(*b*) 43 days.

(*c*) It started crushing only from 14th March 1969 and since then it crushed 17,579.345 M. Tonnes and the cane juice extracted was 11,892.779 M. tonnes.

(*d*) Rs. 100 per tonne plus transport charges.

(*e*) 517.

(*f*) Agreement forms were obtained from the Sugarcane growers for supply of cane to the Karkhane and the cane supplied was purchased.

(*g*) The question is not clear. It may, however, be stated that a list of Cane growers in the District along with the acreage owned by them was prepared and agreements to the effect that the sugarcane would be supplied to the Karkhane were got executed by them and permits were issued.

(*h*) Net expenditure Rs. 22,31,774.39.
Loss sustained Rs. 9,02,274.39. (Tentative).

(*i*) No.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—May I know whether the Director of Sahakari Sakkare Karkhane happen to be Congressmen and whether it has come to the notice of the Government that when the cane was brought inside the factory 5 tons and 8 tons have been falsely billed as 10 tons with the connivance of the directors and if such an intance is brought to the notice of the Government what steps will be taken ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಎಂ. ನಾಡಗೌಡ.—ಮೊದಲನೇ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಆಫ್ ಡೈರಕ್ಟರ್ಸ್ ಏನು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ ಅವರೆಲ್ಲಾ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್‌ನವರೇ ಎನ್ನುವುದನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಎಲೆಕ್ಷನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾರು ಚುನಾಯಿತರಾಗಿ ಬರುತ್ತಾರೋ ಅವರು ಬಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

With regard to second question Government has not received any such complaint. If a complaint has been received, Government will certainly go into it.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANT.—Is the loss due to less percentage of recoveries or giving of bogus receipts as started by my friend Sri V. N. Patil ?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA.—There are so many reasons. The manufacturing loss was Rs. 9 lakhs and odd ; the percentage of recovery was only 5. 12. It was also due to inferior quality of the cane supplied by the growers, frequent failure of electric supply, etc.

Sri H. B. JWALANAIAH.—What is the installed capacity of this sugar factory, for how may days it shou'd work and what is the total extent of sugar cane area that is specially allotted to this factory ?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA.—The installed capacity is 1,87,500 tons and is expected to work for about 150 days.

Sri N. A. CHANNE GOWDA.—May I know the transport charge paid and whether the directors have got any financial interest in five khandsari factories ? What action Government proposes to take in respect of sugar factories wherein such mal-administration is found ?

Sri P. M. NADGOUDA.—I deny all the allegations. The transport charges paid by the factory are very small—Rs. 7 to 15 per ton.

Sri V. N. PATIL.—It is a bogus reply and an insult to this House. The Hon. Minister is deliberately misleading the House. Normally in Bidar District the cane crushing will start in the month of October or November. Was it not to favour the Khandsari factories that the Government started this factory in the month of March ? Is it not a fact that within 43 days of operation it has incurred a loss of 9 lakhs and if the factory were to operate for 6 months at this rate, will the directors, who happen to be Congressmen, not loot the factory and liquidate it ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಪಿ. ಎಂ. ನಾಡಗೌಡ.—ಮಾನ್ಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರು ಬಹಳ ಭಾವನಾ ಪರವಶರಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಹೇಳುವಂಥ ಅವ್ಯವಹಾರಗಳೇನೂ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆದಿಲ್ಲ. ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ಸಹಕಾರ ಸಕ್ಕರೆ ಕಾರ್ಖಾನೆ ಪುರುವಾಗಿದೆ ; ಅವರು ಚೆನ್ನಾಗಿ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅನಿವಾರ್ಯ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ನಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆ.